

## **Illinois Cares Rx Changes Effective September 1, 2011**

1. Income limits have been reduced to equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Household size (persons)	Income limit before 9/1/2011	Income limit effective 9/1/2011
1	\$27,610	\$21,780
2	\$36,635	\$29,420
3	\$45,657	\$37,060

- 2. \$25 rebate eliminated as an option to receiving benefits. Last checks (for August) will be mailed in September.
- 3. Co-payments increased for each 30-day prescription filled.

Covered drug type	Before 9/1/2011	Effective 9/1/2011
With Medicare <sup>1</sup>		
Generics	\$2.50	\$ 5
Preferred brand names	\$6.30	\$15
Non-preferred brands	\$15	\$20
Specialty drugs	\$15	\$15
Without Medicare <sup>2</sup>		
Generics	\$2.50	\$ 5
Brand names <sup>3</sup>	\$6.30	\$15

4. Co-payments after reaching thresholds

Thresholds	Before 9/1/2011	Effective 9/1/2011
People with Medicare after \$2,840 worth of drugs (donut hole)	20% plus co-pay (\$2.50, \$6.30 or \$15)	25% plus co-pay (\$5, \$15 or \$20)
People without Medicare after Illinois Cares Rx pays \$1,750 in benefits	20% plus co-pay (\$2.50 or \$6.30)	25% plus co-pay (\$5 or \$15)

NOTE: For people with Medicare in coordinating Part D plans (PDPs or MA-PDs), Illinois Cares Rx will continue to pay premiums and deductibles. For people with Partial Low Income Subsidy (Extra Help), Illinois Cares Rx will pay premium or deductible not covered by the subsidy. Illinois Cares Rx pays any amount of deductible remaining after the beneficiary copayment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Covers drugs on the Part D plan's formulary. HIV/AIDS benefit co-payments are unchanged.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Covers drugs on the Medicaid formulary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If a generic equivalent is available, you pay the difference between the generic and the brand.